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REMARKS

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- 1a. During the period from 30 September to 2 October 1952, the Infanterie Kaserne east of Friedensstrasse in Zeitz (M 52/K 08) was occupied by about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or AT artillery insignia. Six 57-mm ZIS-2 AT guns arrived by rail at the barracks installation during this period.

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2. On 2 October, the Artillerie Kaserne west of Friedensstrasse was occupied by 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On and after 30 September, 33 T-34/85 tanks, 539 rocket launchers, 4 arrived by rail at the barracks installation coming from Ohrdruf (M 51/J 15). (1)

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3. At 10:30 p.m. on 1 October, 10 prime movers each towing a 100-mm AT gun and about 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia arrived at the Gera (M 51/K 06) railroad station coming from Ohrdruf. shuttling between the railroad station and the Heuss Kaserne on Franz Petri Strasse. At 2 p.m. on 2 October, 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched from the railroad station to the barracks installation. (2)

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4. On 23 September, some vehicles of the Bernburg engineer unit had returned to the camp near Dessau-Aken (M 52/E 17) and some to Bernburg (M 52/D 76). The tanks were also back in the camp. On the same day, the adjacent camp was reoccupied by troops. (3) The tank unit stationed in the Gross Kuehnau nutment west of Dessau also returned on 23 September. (4)

5. On 22 September, ammunition boxes were unloaded from eight boxcars at the Weisswasser (O 57/A 74) railroad station and carried toward Camp Hocht. On 23 September, two tank cars were emptied into tank. At about 9 a.m. on the same day, 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged firing practices with live ammunition with heavy machine guns at the training field. At about 3 p.m., 12 groups each of 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and gas masks were observed moving

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in double time toward Nochten. Intensive gun fire was heard from the training field between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. (5)

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[] Comments

(1) The report indicates that elements of the 67th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div returned to the Infanterie Kaserne, coming from Ohrdruf, and the bulk of the 36th (?) Tank Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div to the Artillerie Kaserne.

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(2) A battalion of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXVIII Gds Htz Rifle Corps returned from Ohrdruf to Gera.

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(3) [] the unidentified engineer regiment of the GORC had been transferred from the Dessau-Aken training area on 15 September. []

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[] addition to the tank company a mortar unit which was apparently assigned to the regiment during the summer exercises or is an organic component of this regiment.

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(4) The information confirms the return from Letzling Heath of the 79th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Tank Div which was previously reported by []

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(5) [] The presence in Weiswasser of the bulk of the 9th Mecz Div was confirmed by [] until late September. []

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